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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97-1.98, applicant calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention, which were cited in a Japanese Office Action (Reasons for Rejection) issued December 26, 2000, with respect to counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. H11-321411:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 11-27501, published January 29, 1999, together with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 5-316144, published November 26, 1993, together with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 10-336232, published December 18, 1998, together with an English language Abstract;

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 10-308766, published November 17, 1998, together with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 9-305505, published November 28, 1997, together with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 9-219723, published August 19, 1997, together with an English language Abstract; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 8-286988, published November 1, 1996, together with an English language Abstract.

Applicant notes that Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 11-15755 was cited in the Reasons for the Rejection. However, Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. JP 11-15755 was already cited and filed in the Information Disclosure Statement on October 18, 2000. Thus, an additional copy of the reference is not being submitted in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents. Copies of the above-noted documents, together with a copy of the Japanese Office Action and the English language Abstracts, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. A translation of the Japanese Office Action will be forwarded as soon as one becomes available. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the

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Form to the applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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